

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
June 9, 2004**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:39 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

**Board Members**

Winifred S. Shapiro, Chairman  
Gilbert S. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman  
Jennifer E. Heinz, Secretary-Treasurer  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
Glenda M. Blake<sup>2</sup>  
Kevin J. Fay<sup>3</sup>  
Kenneth G. Feng<sup>1</sup>  
Georgette Kohler  
George E. Lovelace  
Joanne E. Malone  
Harold L. Strickland<sup>1</sup>  
Frank S. Vajda

<sup>1</sup>Board Members Absent

<sup>2</sup>Arrived at 7:42 p.m.

<sup>3</sup>Arrived at 7:54 p.m.

Guests: Harry Glasgow, Citizen  
John Archibald, Citizen

**Staff**

Michael A. Kane, Director  
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director  
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Brian Daly  
Cindy Messinger  
Miriam Morrison  
Judy Pedersen  
Lynn Tadlock

Mike Baird  
Jan Boothby  
Sue Frinks  
Peter Furey  
Kirk Holley  
John Lehman  
John Pitts  
Sandy Stallman  
Sue Tibbetts  
Diane Wotortsi  
Ted Zavora

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Mrs. Shapiro asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Since there were no changes, Mrs. Shapiro announced that she would proceed with the Agenda as publicized. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS****ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes - May 26, 2004, Park Authority Board Meeting**

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the May 26, 2004, Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake, and Messrs. Fay, Feng and Strickland being absent; Ms. Malone **ABSTAINED**.

**ADMIN-2 Rezoning - Spring Hill Farm, RZ/FDP 2004-DR-016**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the following summary comments regarding Spring Hill Farm, RZ/FDP 2004-DR-016:

- The Fairfax County Park Authority requests that the applicant dedicate the Resource Protection Area (RPA) of Bull Neck Run. The RPA is approximately 6.19 acres in size (see attached map).
- The applicant should dedicate \$30,175 to the Park Authority for recreational facility development.

The applicant should provide a tight interval (30-foot) Phase I archeological survey and if recommended by the Phase I survey, additional studies to document cultural resources on site.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake, and Messrs. Fay, Feng and Strickland being absent.

**ACTION ITEMS****A-1 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request - Earth Sangha**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from Earth Sangha in the amount of \$5,219 for the installation of signs at Marie Butler Leven Preserve and Wilburdale Park and plantings at Riverbend Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake, and Messrs. Fay, Feng and Strickland being absent.

**A-2 Policy 512 - Green Purchasing Policy**

This item was reviewed by the Administration and Management Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the attached Green Procurement Policy; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon;

Mrs. Heinz thanked Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Frinks for adding the language *and construction* to the first paragraph of **Policy 512: Green Procurement Policy**.

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake, and Messrs. Fay, Feng and Strickland being absent.

**A-3 Contract Award - Hidden Pond Stream Valley Stabilization and Dredging Project**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a contract to include the base bid and add alternate nos. 1 and 2, to Sagres Construction Corporation of Alexandria, Virginia in the amount of \$121,450 for stream valley stabilization and dredging work at Hidden Pond Park. In addition, Mrs. Heinz recommended reserving \$12,145 or ten (10) percent of the contract award for contract contingency, \$7,287 or six (6) percent of the contract award for administrative costs and \$6,000 for inspections and materials costs. Total Cost is \$146,882; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake, and Messrs. Fay, Feng and Strickland being absent.

**A-4 Approval - Natural Resource Inventories at Several Park Locations**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** to proceed with Natural Resource Inventories at several parks throughout the County; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake, and Messrs. Fay, Feng and Strickland being absent.

**A-5 Scope Approval - Turner Farm Park, Phase II**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a project scope to advance the design of certain facilities at Turner Farm Park and to establish partnership agreements for the development of those facilities; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Ms. Blake, and Messrs. Fay, Feng and Strickland being absent.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****I-1 Proposed Process to Amend County Comprehensive Plan - Parks Elements**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The Board reviewed the item regarding the Proposed Process to Amend County Comprehensive Plan – Parks Elements. No action was necessary.

Mrs. Shapiro brought Attachment 1, page 2, to the Park Authority Board's attention regarding the section for Participants in the *Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Parks and Recreation Elements Proposed Process and Schedule*. Mrs. Shapiro requested Board Members to consider being the representative from the Park Authority Board to serve on the Core Staff Team. The Board representative should understand policy development, be empowered to represent their group in developing policy and be able to meet during the day on at least three occasions between July and December. The proposed Stakeholder Meetings are listed in this attachment.

**I-2 Project Update - CLEMYJONTRI Park**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The Board reviewed the item regarding the Project Update – CLEMYJONTRI Park. No action was necessary.

**I-3 Potomac School Request for Student Transfer Site at Spring Hill RECenter**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on June 2, 2004, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The Board reviewed the item regarding Potomac School Request for Student Transfer Site at Spring Hill RECenter. Staff will evaluate the requested use to determine the suitability of the park for a student transfer site. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board**

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- **Historical Marker Unveiling at Lake Accotink Park**

Mrs. Shapiro reported that she had attended the Historical Marker Unveiling on June 5, 2004. The marker was unveiled at the railroad trestle over the Accotink Creek at Lake Accotink Park. The trestle was burned during the Civil War in a raid by Jeb Stuart and rebuilt by the Union Army immediately thereafter to ensure the transport of supplies to Alexandria. The marker was made possible through research work by Lee Ann Shenefiel of our staff, first as an intern and later as an employee at the park, following years of support and advocacy by Tawny Hammond, the manager of Lake Accotink Park.

Mrs. Shapiro thanked the surrounding civic associations of Ravensworth Farms, Northern Springfield and Springfield for donating the funds for this marker. Mrs. Shapiro thanked Jack Hiller of the History Commission for his support and work on behalf of the marker, and the staff at Lake Accotink Park for arranging such a fine community celebration and ceremony – even in the drizzle.

- **Springfield Days/Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park**

Mrs. Shapiro thanked Mr. Batten, the Lee District Representative, for subbing for her as a judge in the Cardboard Boat Regatta held as part of Springfield Days on June 6, 2004.

Mrs. Shapiro reported that the event went off as planned in spite of the bad weather, although the fireworks had to be cancelled because the island in the middle of the lake was too wet.

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- **Braddock District Council's Second Annual Best of Braddock Awards**  
Mrs. Shapiro announced that on June 8, 2004 Braddock District Council presented its Second Annual Best of Braddock Awards (BOBs), and the Park Authority was prominently featured. Tawny Hammond, the manager of Lake Accotink Park, was awarded the Most Can Do Public Employee Award. The Long Branch Stream Valley Trail Extension Project received the Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District Award, having been nominated by the Canterbury Woods Civic Association. Mrs. Shapiro extended thanks to Planning and Development staff members, Jenny Pate and John Kormos, for successfully addressing neighborhood issues and making this trail a reality, which is very much appreciated by the residents.
- **Woodglen Lake Park Public Hearing**  
Mrs. Shapiro thanked Board Members Kohler, Feng and McCutcheon for signifying that they would be available to attend the Woodglen Lake Park Public Hearing on June 10, 2004.

#### **DIRECTOR'S MATTERS**

- **Oak Hill Placed on National Register of Historic Places**  
Mr. Kane reported that Oak Hill was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 19, 2004. The Historic and Conservation Easement for Oak Hill was recorded on June 1, 2004.
- **Park Authority Archaeologist Receives the Joseph L. Harsh Award from the Northern Virginia Association for History**  
Mr. Kane announced that Mike Johnson, Park Authority Archaeologist, recently received the Joseph L. Harsh Award from the Northern Virginia Association for History. This annual award recognizes contributions to history and historic preservation.
- **Appointment of Grounds Management Branch Manager**  
Mr. Kane announced that Dan Sutherland has been appointed as the Manager of the Grounds Management Branch in Park Operations. Dan began his Park Authority career 15 years ago as a seasonal at Nottoway Park. Since 1999, Dan has been the Area 5 Manager. Dan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position.

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- **“School’s Out” Celebration at Wakefield Skate Park**  
Wakefield Skate Park will hold a “School’s Out” celebration on June 19 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will feature three bands during the evening skate session. This will be the first special event at the skate park since its opening on April 24<sup>th</sup>. After this successful event, the skate park will develop a series of similar events.
- **Park Authority’s Participation in Celebrate Fairfax 2004**  
Mr. Kane announced that Celebrate Fairfax 2004 is coming this weekend and the Park Authority will be well-represented. In addition to the regular Park Authority general information booth this year, the Park Authority is celebrating the opening of its new skate park with a mini-skate park and demonstrations. The Park Authority’s location is just inside the yellow gate along the street where American Inline will set up a couple of simple ramps and allow citizens a chance to get into the fun of skating. The Public Information Office is coordinating the event with cooperation from other divisions. This is an agency-wide effort, and Mr. Kane invited Board Members to stop by to enjoy it.
- **2004 National Concrete Canoe Competition at Lake Fairfax Park**  
Mr. Kane announced that the 2004 National Concrete Canoe Competition is coming to Lake Fairfax Park this June. The Annual American Society of Civil Engineers/Master Builders, Inc. concrete canoe competition is in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. The competition is being held in coordination with the National Building Museum’s exhibition opening of *Liquid Stone: Architecture in Concrete* in Washington, D.C., on June 17-20, 2004.

Concrete canoe racing began in the early 1970’s. In the more than 35 years since it began, the efforts of students combining engineering excellence and hydrodynamic design to construct water-worthy canoes has progressed. Approximately 500 people are expected to watch the competition which features 18 teams from across the country.

The Concrete Canoe Competition at Lake Fairfax Park will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, which is Fathers’ Day.

- **Introduction of Intern in the Public Information Office**  
Ms. Pedersen introduced Park Authority Intern Diane Wotortsi, who is a student from Colorado State. Diane will be helping with the bond for the next 10 weeks.

Ms. Pedersen reported that the County’s Bond Team held its first meeting on June 9, 2004.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

**FOR THE RECORD -- NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.**

**BOARD MATTERS**

- Mr. McCutcheon had no comments.
- **Final Draft of Laurel Hill Park Master Plan**  
Mrs. Heinz expressed her appreciation to the Laurel Hill Team that brought forth the final draft of the Laurel Hill Park Master Plan, especially Planning and Development staff members, Kelly Davis and John Pitts.
- **Happy to be Back from Vacation**  
Ms. Malone reported that she was happy to be back from vacation and back at the Park Authority Board meeting.
- **Final Draft of Laurel Hill Park Master Plan**  
Mr. Vajda concurred with Mrs. Heinz and commended the Laurel Hill Team.
- Mr. Fay had no comments.
- **Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park**  
Mr. Batten thanked Chairman Shapiro for the opportunity to host the Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park.
- **Concrete Canoe Races at Lake Fairfax Park**  
Mr. Batten expressed his disappointment in not being able to attend the Concrete Canoe Races at Lake Fairfax Park on June 20<sup>th</sup>, which is Fathers' Day.
- **Welcome to Public Information Office's Intern**  
Mr. Batten welcomed Diane Wotortsi to the Park Authority.
- Ms. Kohler had no comments.
- **Welcome to Public Information Office's Intern**  
Mr. Lovelace welcomed Diane Wotortsi and reported that he had heard that there had been a major hailstorm in Colorado, leaving up to four feet of hail in some locations.

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- Ms. Blake had no comments.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:55 p.m. Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in the **Hunter Mill Magisterial District** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)
- b. Discussion of Closed Session Minutes dated **May 26, 2004** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2.3712(H).

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon.

- Update on Land Acquisition in the Hunter Mill District
- Closed Session Minutes dated May 26, 2004

The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Messrs. Feng and Strickland being absent.

Land Acquisition Matters and Closed Session Minutes were discussed.

At 8:03 p.m. Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Messrs. Feng and Strickland being absent.

## **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Messrs. Feng and Strickland being absent.

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**ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.**

C-1. Update on Land Acquisition in the Hunter Mill District

Ms. Blake **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept staff's recommendation regarding land acquisition in the Hunter Mill District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Messrs. Feng and Strickland being absent.

C-2. Closed Session Minutes dated May 26, 2004

Mrs. Heinz **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated May 26, 2004 as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten. The MOTION was **APPROVED** with Messrs. Feng and Strickland being absent; Ms. Malone, Ms. Blake and Mr. Fay **ABSTAINED\***.

\*Absent from the May 26, 2004 Park Authority Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:04 p.m. Mrs. Shapiro **ADJOURNED** the Park Authority Board meeting. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board Members present.** Messrs. Feng and Strickland were absent.

Minutes Approved at Meeting  
on June 23, 2004

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Jennifer E. Heinz  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

**NOTE: After ADJOURNMENT, the Park Authority Board continued with the BOND WORKSHOP – Fall 2004 Park Bond Referendum**

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